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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**


In re Application of: Karel Smits et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN IMPLANTABLE ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

Serial No.: 10/045,850

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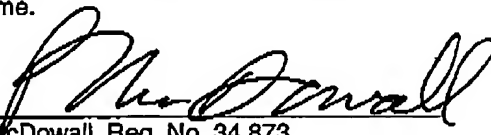
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- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for \_\_\_\_\_ months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the one-month extension fee.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed 2 June 2004, having a three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on 2 September 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in advance of the expiration of said period for reply.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.